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CELLULAR SERVICES BY BSNL IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan chalked out by the BSNL to tap rural demand of Mobile Telephone Services;

(b) the investment proposed to be made by the BSNL during 2002-2003 to tap the rural demand; and

(c) the cellular connections proposed to be provided by the BSNL during the year 2002-2003 to tap the demand in the rural areas of the country, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): The cellular network plans of BSNL cover all District Head Quarters, important stations and highways. Some adjoining rural areas or such areas falling enroute shall get covered. No separate plan exclusively for rural demand has been drawn up.

In addition Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) has also been planned for rural areas with fixed terminals. This WLL system has a capability to introduce limited mobility.